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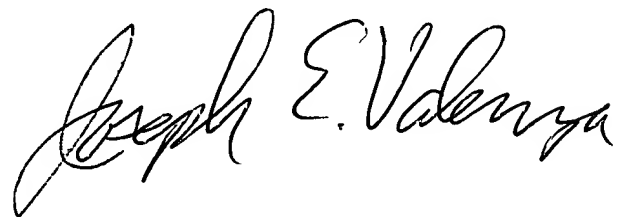
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The amendment filed November 18, 2002 after a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is not entered because prosecution is closed and the proposed claim(s) raise new issues which require further consideration or search (37 CFR 1.116(c)). See also 37 CFR 1.198.

The amendment filed November 18, 2002 still contains "detachable connection element" and "connecting element" that the Board of Appeals had determined were inadequately disclosed. While references are made on page 5 of the amendment to disclosures in the original disclosure to define the designs of "detachable connection element" and "connecting element", these disclosures were considered by the Board of Appeals as being inadequate. The removal of the other inadequately disclosed elements "coupling element" and "detachable element" noted by the Board of Appeals makes the new claims incomplete because these element enable the wagons to move along the insertion track and couple with or decouple from the insertion or removal track. See MPEP 1214.07

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